

REMARKS

Claims 45-47, 50-55, 58, 59, 61-63, 65 and 66 are allowed. Allowed claims 53 and 63 are amended in this Response.

I. Examiner's Amendment

The Examiner canceled claims 48, 49, 56, 57, 60 and 64, and amended claims 45, 53, 59, and 63. Applicants have amended allowed claims 53 and 63 to correct a minor error in the preamble of these claims. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered.

II. Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicants submit that the invention as recited in the claims needs to be considered as a whole, and that the reasons cited by the Examiner are only some of the reasons the claims are allowable.

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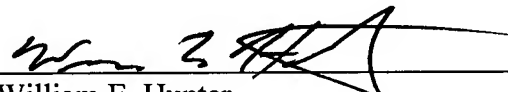
III. Conclusion

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the Examiner, the Applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the Applicant's arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

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